



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5125***

LCO No. 1005

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF FRAUD IN THE USE OF PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-158c of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Not earlier than forty-five days before the election and not later  
4 than the close of the polls on election day, each resident, or former  
5 resident who desires to vote in a presidential election under sections 9-  
6 158a to 9-158m, inclusive, may apply for a "presidential ballot" to the  
7 municipal clerk of the town in which [he] the resident or former  
8 resident is qualified to vote on the form prescribed in section 9-158d.  
9 Application for a "presidential ballot" may be made in person or  
10 absentee, in the manner provided for applying for an absentee ballot  
11 under section 9-140, except as provided in said sections 9-158a to 9-  
12 158m, inclusive. A resident or former resident applying for a  
13 "presidential ballot" in person shall present to the clerk the resident's  
14 or former resident's Social Security card or any other preprinted form  
15 of identification which shows the name and the address, signature or

16 photograph of the resident or former resident.

17 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 9-158e of the general statutes is  
18 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

19 (a) Upon receipt of an application for a presidential ballot under  
20 sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, and after checking the preprinted  
21 form of identification presented by an applicant who applies in person,  
22 the clerk, if satisfied that the application is proper and that the  
23 applicant is qualified to vote under said sections, shall forthwith give  
24 or mail to the applicant, as the case may be, a ballot for presidential  
25 and vice-presidential electors for use at the election and instructions  
26 and envelopes for its return. The clerk shall also check the state-wide  
27 centralized voter registration system to determine whether the  
28 applicant is admitted as an elector in the state. If the clerk determines  
29 that the applicant is not admitted as an elector in the state, the clerk  
30 shall include with the presidential ballot a mail-in application for  
31 admission as an elector under section 9-23g and shall notify the  
32 applicant that the applicant may cast said presidential ballot only if the  
33 applicant completes the mail-in application and returns it to the clerk  
34 with the completed presidential ballot. At such time the clerks shall  
35 also mail a duplicate of the application for a presidential ballot to the  
36 appropriate official of (1) the state or the town in this state in which the  
37 applicant last resided in the case of an applicant who is a resident, or  
38 (2) the state or the town in this state in which the applicant now resides  
39 in the case of an applicant who is a former resident.

40 Sec. 3. Section 9-158g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
41 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

42 The voter shall sign the certification upon the inner envelope,  
43 securely seal it, enclose it in an outer serially-numbered envelope, and  
44 return it to the municipal clerk of the town in which [he] the voter is  
45 qualified to vote. The clerk shall keep it in [his] the clerk's office until  
46 delivered by [him] the clerk to the registrars of voters at the same time  
47 and in the same manner as is provided for absentee ballots. If the ballot

48 is returned by a person other than the voter or the United States Postal  
49 Service, the person delivering the ballot shall sign [his] the person's  
50 name and address and the date and time of its delivery on the outer  
51 envelope in the clerk's presence. The ballot, to be cast, shall be returned  
52 so that it is received by the town clerk not later than the close of the  
53 polls on the day of the election. If the applicant is not admitted as an  
54 elector in the state and the ballot is not accompanied by a completed  
55 mail-in application for admission as an elector under section 9-23g, the  
56 clerk shall endorse on the face of said outer envelope the word  
57 "rejected" and the ballot shall not be counted.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require individuals who are applying for presidential ballots in person to present preprinted identification to the municipal clerks and to require municipal clerks to include voter registration applications with presidential ballots for those applicants who are not registered to vote.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*